

ANNUAL

URBAN DISTRICT OF SHERBORNE

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT 1941

POPULATION - 1938 end of 6,419 (Estimated)
1939 end of 8,400 (Estimated)
1940 end of 7,900 (Estimated)
1941 end of 6,834 (Estimated)



VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
LIVE BIRTHS - Legitimate	62	28	34
Illegitimate	6	3	3
Total	68	31	37
STILL BIRTHS - Legitimate	4	3	1

BRITH RATE per 1,000 of resident population, 9.9 (England and Wales 14.2)

DEATHS - Males 30, Females 39, Total 69

There were 11 deaths from Cancer and 17 from discases of the heart

DEATH RATE per 1,000 resident population, 10.1 (England and Wales 12.9)

Number of women dying in consequence of childbirth - 1

DEATHS from Measles, Whooping cough, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) - Nil

There has been no case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum

CAUSES OF SICKNESS - There is nothing to note save moderately extensive and mild epidemics of measles and infectious hepatitis

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

These are all functioning normally.

During the year a large number of school children have been immunised against diphtheria and about 75% - 80% of the Elementary School children have now been protected.

All that can be done is being done to protect the children of 1-5 years, but so far only about 25% - 30% of these are protected.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER - The supply is ample and pure, all is chlorinated and filtered. Analyses are made frequently and are generally satisfactory. These are made before chlorination. Samples are taken very frequently to test the chlorine content.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE, ETC.

All the Sanitary Services are being carefully supervised and are working well.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - Cases Notified:-

- 1 Paratyphoid (brought in from outside)
- 6 Scarlet Fever,
- 25 Whooping cough
- 3 Diphtheria - 1 death
- 2 Erysipelas
- 107 Measles
- 13 Pneumonia
- 1 Puerperal pyrexia
- 2 Tuberculosis of lung - 1 death

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MILK SUPPLY

Constant efforts are being made to ensure that this is pure and clean. Samples are taken more frequently than in pre-war times and appropriate action is taken when necessary. A greater proportion of the supply is being pasteurised.

The general health of the Town is good as shown by the vital statistics. There is no evidence of lack of nutrition and the children bear all the appearances of being adequately fed and clothed.

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